(b) what were the dates of first submission of each estimate by the CPWD and the dates of issue of the sanction order by the same Ministry ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is considerable delay in the processing of estimates in her Ministry as the concerned officials of the Ministry are never held accountable for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) 194.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) The delay occurs mainly due to non-submission of complete information alongwith the estimates necessitating references, non-availability of budget provision for the work, time taken in obtaining the views of other Ministries like Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance etc. before placing the proposal before the project Implementation Committee/ Expenditure Finance Committee.

PODU cultivation in tribal areas of Orissa

3323. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to be state:

(a) whether Government have identified the area in Orissa where the tribals do PODU cultivation;

(b) if so, what are those areas;

(c) whether Government have recently launched any scheme to prevent PODU cultivation in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The Task Force on "Shifting Cultivation in India" set up by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, has reported (1983) that Podu Cultivation is prevalent in Koraput, Ganjam, Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Phulbani, Kalahandi and Sambalpur districts of Orissa. Area affected by Podu Cultivation is 26.49 lakh ha.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Main details are given in the statement below.

Statement

Main Highlights of the "Scheme for Control of shifting Cultivation"

(a) Objectives	Restotration of ecological balance and improvement of socio-economical conditions of jhumias.
(b) Major work components	Land Development for permanent cultivation with irrigation facilities, supply of inputs for agriculture, horticulture, forestry and plantation crops, and assistance for subsidiary occupations such as animal husbandry, pisciculture, sericulture, etc.
(c) Coverage proposed in Orissa	(i) Total number of families engaged in shifting cultivation 141000
	(ii) Number of families proposed for settlement in 5 years period. 5600
	(iii) Total outlay required for 5 years period. Rs. 1700 lakhs
	(iv) Approved outlay for last 3 years of the 7th Plan . . . . . Rs. 1020 lakh
	(v) Central Assistance Released . . . Rs. 457 lakhs
(d) Implementing Agencies	Harijan and Tribal Welfare Department
(e) Anticipated cost per family	Scheme envisages maximum expendiure of Rs. 30,000 per family, spread over a period of 4-5 for permanent settlement.